

Attorney Docket No. 250457US2  
Inventor: Kenji INOUE et al  
Preliminary Amendment filed: March 16, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application in light of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.


Claims 1-22 are presently active in this application.

The specification has been amended to correct the inadvertent omission of the description of Figs. 22-24 in the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS, and the reference of Fig. 24 at page 12, line 22 and page 27, line 12. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, examination on the merits is in order, and an early and favorable Office Action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Marvin J. Spivak  
Registration No. 24,913

James D. Hamilton  
Registration No. 28,121

Customer Number  
**22850**

Phone (703) 413-3000  
Fax (703) 413-2220  
MJS:mlh

I:\USER\MLHAR\NEW APPLICATIONS\250457US-PREAM.DOC